

—Let's Go Fishing—
**DROUGHT PERILS
BREEDING BASS,
SO BE CAREFUL**

If It Isn't One Thing It's
Another, Denny Finally
Decides.

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If it isn't one thing, it's another. Last year the spring freshets washed away the bass nests, or in many cases kept them from spawning until after the season opened in the middle of June.

I remember seeing fish on the nest as late as July 1 of the 1933 season. At one spot in Eagle Creek several large mouths were visible guarding their eggs on that date. As I returned by the place an hour or two later I noticed that they were not on the nest and a boy told me that a fisherman had just taken two nice ones from the pool.

I hope it was ignorance on his part, for no sportsman, knowing that a breeding bass will viciously strike any strange object that comes near the nest, will take such a low advantage of our prize game fish.

This year another danger threatens the baby bass crop. Nests are usually in the shallows and the severe drought has so lowered the streams that parent fish may be forced to leave the eggs as the water level recedes.

What's the biggest thrill in your angling history? A friend asked me that the other day and I'm still trying to decide. There's the time the big bass broke a new twelve-pound test casting line in Freeman Lake, and the time I fished a mountain stream in Idaho where the trout were so eager they actually bit on a bare hook, and the time I got all tangled up in a monster brown trout in the middle of the

night on a Michigan river, and so on.

But the experience that really made a no count fisherman out of me happened almost in the city limits of Indianapolis when I was about 16.

In some manner I had acquired a cheap fly-casting outfit consisting of an iron rod weighing slightly less than a pound, a ramsnake reel and an enameled line. I remember that my idea was not to get the line out by its own weight, but to tie on a heavy lure, much as in a plug casting.

The day was July 4th, the place was White river below the College Avenue bridge, the hour was 1 in the afternoon, the weather couldn't have been hotter and there wasn't the slightest breeze. In other words, conditions were not the best for fishing.

In addition the day being a holiday, the river-banks were crowded with anglers. All choice spots were taken. Some were bait fishing, some were casting plugs or spinners, sev-

eral were trying flies. No one was having any luck at all. I forgot to mention that swimmers were splashing about in the choicest pools.

Into this unpromising scene I marched confidently and affixing an ancient spinner lure to my line, waded out up to my waist and began to agitate the water with my clumsy efforts. I remember that I glanced back now and then to avoid snagging any swimmers on the back cast.

Why the fishing gods favored me I shall never guess. Certainly the bass that presently took my spinner must have scored fifty more attractive lures that day. But he took it and I put the pole over my shoulder and walked to shore with him, trying to look unconcerned.

Then, just to show the boys how easy it was, I caught two more in the same place, and they were all dandies, about a pound and a half apiece. I had quite a gallery by this time. They wanted to know what I was murdering them with.

I showed them and they began pawing through tackle boxes.

I waded out and tried again. This time a really big one came out from behind a rock and plucked the spinner from my line with a mighty rush. Having no other lure, I took the three fish and left, trying to look disappointed because the best one got away, but actually—well, you guess how I felt.

Explain it if you can.

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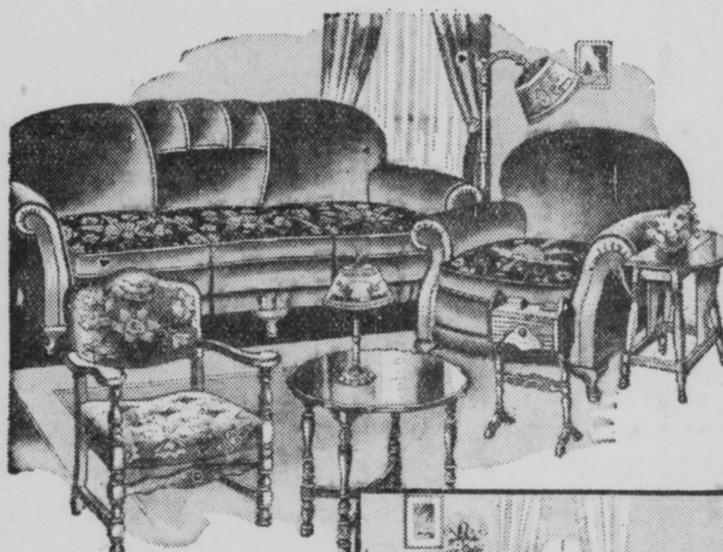
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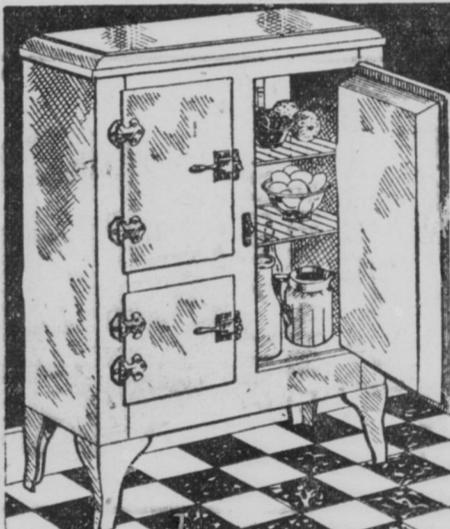


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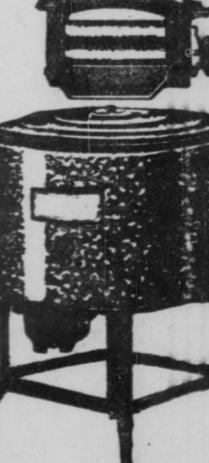
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